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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FILING

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 3, consisting of Figs. 3A to 3B, is a view showing examples of calculation word lengths at fixed-point precision and at integer precision.